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VALUE OF SAUDI MILITARY PURCHASES

-- A distinction must be drawn between FMS purchases by a country and "arms sales." FMS purchases by Saudi Arabia between FY 50-80 total approximately $35 billion. However, only about 17% of this -- about $5.7 billion -- has been for weapons and ammunition. More than half the total has been for supporting equipment and services, including $18.2 billion for the total cost of construction contracts managed by the Corps of Engineers. About 30% of total FMS sales have been for support services -- training contract management, spare parts, supplies, etc.